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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application simultaneously with filing the
accompanying translation for this application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Cancel the Abstract and replace it with the new Abstract attached
herewith on a separate page.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, Line 3, before this line after the title insert the
following paragraph heading:

--FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

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Page 3, Line 24, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 4, replace the three consecutive paragraphs starting on line 11 with the following paragraphs:

This object is achieved by a covering for a display device in which

- a) either the covering is made of an intrinsically electrically conductive polymeric material or contains such a material and the covering has an electrical contact

Page 5, Line 1, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 5, Line 4, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

IN THE CLAIMS

PAGES 13-15

Before claim 1, change "Patent Claims" to --WE CLAIM:--

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and substitute claims 11-28 respectively therefor:

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--11. (new) A covering for a display device,

the covering being translucent, at least in some areas,

the covering at least partly covering a front side of the display device,

the covering shielding electromagnetic fields, wherein

the covering is made of an intrinsically electrically conductive polymeric material or contains such a material and

the covering has an electrical contact.

12. (new) A covering for a display device,

the covering being translucent at least in some areas,

the covering at least partly covering a front side of the display device,

the covering shielding electromagnetic fields, wherein

a thin, intrinsically electrically conductive polymer layer that is translucent, at least in some areas, is applied to the covering, and

the polymer layer has an electrical contact.

13. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the contact is formed as a riveted cutting connection.

14. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the contact is formed as an electrical connection which at least partly borders the

covering, an edge of the covering at least partly resting with a form fit on a component that holds the covering.

15. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the covering is formed as a dial (11) or cover glass (12).

16. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the display device is formed as a combination instrument.

17. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the display device contains at least one momentary-contact push button (15).

18. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the covering is made of a plastic or a mineral material.

19. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the covering is made of a layer structure, which comprises a layer substrate (1), a conductive polymer layer (2), at least one colored layer (3a, 3b) and a top layer (4).

20. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the covering has applied thereto a polymer layer (6) with such a high intrinsic conductivity that said polymer layer (6) is usable in connection with an electrical circuit arrangement for conductor tracks that carry current.

21. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the contact is formed as a riveted cutting connection.

22. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the contact is formed as an electrical connection which at least partly borders the covering, an edge of the covering at least partly resting with a form fit on a component that holds the covering.

23. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the covering is formed as a dial (11) or cover glass (12).

24. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the display device is formed as a combination instrument.

25. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the display device contains at least one momentary-contact push button (15).

26. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the covering is made of a plastic or a mineral material.

27. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the covering is made of a layer structure, which comprises a layer substrate (1), a conductive polymer layer (2), at least one colored layer (3a, 3b) and a top layer (4).

28. (new) The covering for a display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the covering has applied thereto a polymer layer (6) with such a high intrinsic conductivity that said polymer layer (6) is usable in connection with an electrical circuit arrangement for conductor tracks that carry current.--

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This Amendment accompanying this application is being made to cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and to substitute new claims 11-28 therefor, in order to avoid multiple-dependent claims and multiple-dependent claim fees and to place this application in proper form and condition for examination as of the filing of this patent application. No multiple-dependent claim fees apply.

Therefore no multiple-dependent claim fees should be charged in this application.

The specification and the substitute claims have also been amended for formal improvement to comply with USA practice.

The Abstract is replaced by a new amended abstract presented on a separate page herewith.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes"

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee as of the filing date, and to provide an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted

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This object is achieved by [a covering having the features of the
equally important claims 1 and 2. The claims which depend on
these show further refinements and developments of the solution
found.

Therefore,] a covering for a display device [is proposed] in
which

- a) either the covering is made of an intrinsically electrically
conductive polymeric material or contains such a material
and the covering has an [means of making] electrical contact

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ABSTRACT

For the covering of a display device, the covering being translucent, at least in some areas, the covering at least partly covering the front side of the display device, the covering shielding electromagnetic fields, wherein a) either the covering is made of an intrinsically electrically conductive polymeric material or contains such a material and the covering has an electrical contact, b) or a thin, intrinsically electrically conductive polymer layer that is translucent, at least in some areas, is applied to the covering, and the polymer layer has an electrical contact.

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